



## **The IRC ACCRA Guide to the best free resources for the Digital Future**

### **FREE ACCESS TO eJOURNALS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:**

☀ Directory of Open Access Journals: <http://www.doaj.org> As of October 2011, there are now **7200** journals in the directory **in all fields**; completely free to view and search; the full text is available for most every article. Best way to search is to browse by subject area, chose the subject of most interest to you and then look at individual issues of journals for free content.

☀ Free Table of Contents Search for Journals in all Subject Areas: <http://www.journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/>

☀ ICAST: Gateway for Free E-Journals in all Fields: <http://www.icast.org.in/ejournal/ejournal.php>

☀ Royal Society Journal Archives Made Available Online



Royal Society Publishing recently [announced](#) that it has made the archives of its journals available online for the world to search and read. **Any of their published papers that are more than 70 years old can be viewed for free (FULL TEXT) in their entirety by anyone anywhere!**

In total, this makes over 60,000 historical scientific papers available. Included in these archives are papers written by [Benjamin Franklin](#) and [Isaac Newton](#) and Einstein.

You can [search the archives here](http://royalsocietypublishing.org/search): <http://royalsocietypublishing.org/search>

### **NEW GENERATION SEARCH ENGINES, DIGITAL LIBRARIES, DOCUMENT LIBRARIES:**

☀ Internet Public Library (IPL): <http://www.ipl.org> (New Search Engine, all resources included have been evaluated for accuracy by professional librarians and subject experts)

See especially: IPL SUBJECTS: <http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/>

IPL PATHFINDERS: <http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/>

IPL FAQs: <http://www.ipl.org/div/farq/>

- ☼ InfoMine: <http://infomine.ucr.edu>
- ☼ Virtual Libraries: <http://www.vlib.org>
- ☼ ELDIS: Using the Internet for Research: <http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/dossiers/using-the-internet>
- ☼ **ELDIS: [www.eldis.org](http://www.eldis.org) (FULL TEXT DOCUMENTS IN MANY RESEARCH AREAS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD)**
- ☼ Best Information on the 'Net: (Mary Laine Block) <http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/alpha.htm>
- ☼ Neat New Stuff on the 'Net by Mary Laine Block: <http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html> (Mary Laine Block updates this *weekly*)
- ☼ Virtual Learning Research Center: <http://www.virtuallrc.com/>
- ☼ New York Public Library: The Best of the Web: <http://www.nypl.org/links/>
- ☼ New York Public Digital Library <http://www.nypl.org/digital>
- ☼ Research Resources at New York Public Library: [http://www.nypl.org/locations/tid/65/research\\_guides](http://www.nypl.org/locations/tid/65/research_guides)
- ☼ The World Digital Library: <http://www.wdl.org/en/> (A Project of the Library of Congress, in partnership with the countries of the world, in order to preserve cultural heritage and patrimony)
- AFRICA IS LISTED HERE: <http://www.wdl.org/en/search/gallery/?regions=africa>
- GHANA may be found here: <http://www.wdl.org/en/search/gallery/?regions=africa&countries=GH>

## **FREE TUTORIALS:**

- ☼ Free Internet Tutorials: <http://library.albany.edu/usered/>
- ☼ Tutorials and Search Strategies: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>
- ☼ Secrets of Researching Free Materials on the Internet: <http://www.suffolk.edu/sawlib/webcollect.htm#other>
- ☼ Library Guides from other Universities available at: <http://libguides.com/community.php?m=g>
- ☼ Library Guides in all Subject Areas from the Boston University Libraries: <http://www.bu.edu/library/guides/index.html>
- ☼ Finding the Best Search Engine: **NOODLETOOLS: INFORMATION LITERACY RESEARCH STRATEGIES** <http://www.noodletools.com/debbie/literacies/information/5locate/adviceengine.html> (Judged one of the most helpful research sites of the last 5 years)
- ☼ Evaluating Web Based Health Resources: <http://nccam.nih.gov/health/webresources/>

☼ Health Information Online: A Toolkit for Trainers: <http://nihseniorhealth.gov/toolkit/toolkit.html>  
(Teaches Senior Citizens how to evaluate Health Information found online, **but, in reality, this can be used for all age groups.** From the U.S. National Institute of Health.)

## **GOOGLE SEARCH TUTORIALS:**

☼ Google Search Features: A 2011 Tutorial: Google Search Features  
<http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/features.html> "In addition to providing easy access to billions of web pages, Google has many special features to help you to find exactly what you're looking for. Some of our most popular features are listed on this Google web site."

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☼ 100 Google Search Tips for the Savviest of Students:  
<http://www.onlinecollegecourses.com/2011/01/17/100-google-search-tricks-for-the-savviest-of-students/>

☼ Beyond Google: 15 Tools and Strategies for Better Web Results: <http://tinyurl.com/yjkxdb4>

☼ Google Tutorials for Teachers: <http://www.freotech4teachers.com/p/google-tools-tutorials.html>

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☼ GOOGLE for Librarians and Researchers: 50 Tips, Tools and Resources for Power Searching and getting the most out of Google: <http://www.accrediteddldegrees.com/2008/google-for-librarians-50-tips-tools-and-resources-for-power-searching/>

## **RESOURCES FOR JOURNALISTS:**

☼ Google Hints for Journalists: Google Search Essentials for Journalists:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/aujournalists/smarter-search>

☼ Journalists Guide to Facebook: <http://mashable.com/2009/08/03/facebook-journalism/>

☼ Research Strategy Guide for Journalists: <http://journalistsresource.org/reference/research/research-strategy-guide/>

☼ CRS REPORTS: CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE: the most well-researched and authoritative reports available; sanctioned by researchers from the Library of Congress; all reports are very well referenced. <http://fpc.state.gov/c18193.htm>

Here is an example of a well researched CRS REPORT:

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/35644.pdf>

## **FANTASTIC RESOURCES FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)**

☀ **Search the Library of Congress Catalog at:** <http://catalog.loc.gov>

☀ Alcove 9 - from the Library of Congress: [www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9](http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9)

☀ Library of Congress Research Tools <http://www.loc.gov/rr/tools.html> (Great Tool for Researchers, or Those Starting Research)

☀ Virtual Reference Shelf from the Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html>

☀ Bibliographies and Guides from the Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/bibguide.html>

☀ American Memory Project: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html> (Provides an excellent example of how a country can start preserving the totality of its national and historical heritage. Lots of great information on the African American experience here)

☀ The [US Library of Congress](http://www.loc.gov) website is a fantastic place to find digital copies of **more than ten million primary sources**. To help you utilize the documents you can find on the site, visit the [Library of Congress Teacher's Page](#).

A part of the Teacher's Page is the [primary source center](#).

The primary source center walks teachers and students through the [process of locating documents](#) on the Library of Congress' site.

The primary source center also provides [guides for using various types of primary sources](#) including **political cartoons, photographs, and oral histories**.

## **BEST RESOURCES FOR ECONOMICS, BUSINESS AND TRADE INFORMATION:**

☀ **NEW!** BUSINESS SEARCH ENGINE: [Zibb](http://www.zibb.com/) is a business search engine: Do a sample search on Business Plans, for example; Also please note the *HOT TOPICS* on the upper right of the home page: great, full text links to current topics in the news! [www.zibb.com/](http://www.zibb.com/)

☀ **NEW!** **GRAPHS:** Search for charts, graphs and statistics at [Zanran Numerical Data Search](http://www.zanran.com/q/) [www.zanran.com/q/](http://www.zanran.com/q/) As an example, perform a search on CHILD POVERTY STATISTICS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

☀ AMERICAN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION: RFE: [www.rfe.org](http://www.rfe.org)  
[Resources for ECONOMISTS] One of the best sites available for the serious study of Economics and Economists! Recommended for all students of Economics

☀ U.S.A Economy in Brief: (2011 revisions and updates)  
<http://ipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2011/04/20110426155516su0.2689717.html#axzz1LDk0falC>

☼ FREE E-JOURNALS: International Journal of Economics and Finance:  
<http://ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/ijef> This e-journal provides full text access to articles on international finance and economics.

☼ ELECTRONIC JOURNAL ON THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM (May 2009):  
<http://www.america.gov/media/pdf/ejs/0509.pdf#popup>

☼ INTERACTIVE GUIDES TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISES BY THE CFR, COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS <http://www.cfr.org/publication/interactives.html>

☼ ECONOMICS: USEFUL RESEARCH TOOLS  
<http://www.ratedcolleges.com/blog/2009/100-useful-research-tools-for-amateur-economists/>

☼ 10 RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ECONOMICS WITH TECHNOLOGY (2011)  
<http://www.edutechintegration.com/2011/01/10-resources-for-teaching-economics.html>

☼ AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Best of the Best Business, Economics and Trade Web Sites. An invaluable compilation of Award Winning Web Sites as chosen by the top Business Librarians and Researchers:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/sections/brass/brassprotools/bestofthebestbus/bestbestbusiness.cfm>

☼ VIRTUAL LIBRARY FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS: <http://vlib.org/BusinessEconomics.html>

☼ ECONOMICS WORKING PAPERS IN OXFORD: (U.K.)  
<http://www.economics.ox.ac.uk/index.php/papers/series/>

☼ Includes the Centre for the Study of African Economics:  
<http://www.economics.ox.ac.uk/index.php/papers/C29/>

☼ INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS STUDY CENTER: <http://internationalecon.com>  
Offers materials on International Trade, International Economics and International Finance.

☼ INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS: WORKING PAPERS:  
<http://www.iie.com/publications/wp/workingpapers.htm>

☼ ECONOMIC EDUCATION LINKS: <http://www.econedlink.org/>  
Great Lesson Plans for Educators explaining economic principles to students.

☼ GLOBALEDGE: <http://globaledge.msu.edu/ibrd/ibrd.asp>  
(An impressive Web site covering country studies, economic statistics, market potential indicators, global resources, statistics, etc.) Includes **TUTORIALS and ONLINE COURSE MODULES**

☼ GLOBAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/cidtrade/>  
Includes the full text of Current Research Topics: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/cidtrade/site/new.html>

☼ HARVARD UNIVERSITY: BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH MODULES.  
<http://hbsworkingknowledge.hbs.edu/>

☀ ECON and POL DEVELOPMENT WEB SITES featured at Columbia University:  
<http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/lehman/guides/epd.html>

☀ ECON SITES from Marquette University:  
<http://libguides.marquette.edu/economics> (Includes *ECONOMIC PODCASTS*)

☀ RGE MONITOR: <http://www.roubini.com/> is a leading source for global economic and geo-strategic information with a blog for the latest information. An amazing site and constantly updated with links to full text of many studies cited.

### **HOW TO KEEP UP WITH CURRENT KNOWLEDGE IN SEVERAL FIELDS:**

☀ The Scout Report: <http://scout.wisc.edu/index.php> (published weekly, if you subscribe, the latest web sites comes to your email address *automatically!*)

☀ Legal Research and Developments: The Jurist Web Site From the U of Pittsburgh School of Law:  
<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/> (like a CNN for recent legal developments)

☀ Law Library Research Exchange: (LLRX): LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH EXCHANGE (LLRX):  
<http://www.llrx.com>

☀ Breaking Medical News: Med Page Today: <http://www.medpagetoday.com/>

☀ Science News: HOW TO KEEP UP WITH SCIENCE NEWS: SCIENCE UPDATE  
<http://www.scienceupdate.com/index.php> (updated daily)

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